

REMARKS

The Office Action has set forth a restriction requirement alleging that claims 1-46 are directed to two distinct inventions. Specifically, the Office Action alleged that claims 1-23 (Group I) are drawn to a method, that claims 24-46 (Group II) are drawn to an apparatus. In response to this requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-23, without traverse. To expedite the examination of this application, Applicant has canceled the non-elected claims 24-46. Applicant understands that, in advancing this restriction requirement, the Examiner agrees that the same art and rejections (if any) advanced against claims 1-23 in this application will not be advanced against claims 24-46 in a divisional application. In this regard, the advance of this restriction requirement is an admission by the Examiner that the two sets of claims are patently distinct, and thereby similar rejections will not be advanced against the two sets of claims (else the restriction is improper and should be withdrawn).

CHANGE IN CORRESPONDING ATTORNEY/ADDRESS

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An appropriate Revocation/Power of Attorney has been filed electronically with the U.S. PTO supporting this change.

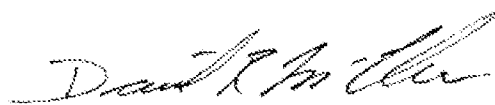
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this response to restriction requirement. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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